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Attorney Docket No.

RSW-S3021

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*Title*

### Decoding Apparatus,

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

*See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.*

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 55]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
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a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all necessary*)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO 1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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<b>CLAIMS AS FILED – PART I</b>									
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY			
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE		
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))					\$		\$ 770.00		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	75 minus 20 =	*		X \$	=	X \$ 18	= 990.00		
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4 minus 3 =	*		X \$	=	X \$ 86	= 86.00		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+	\$	+	\$		
				TOTAL		TOTAL	1,846.00		
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<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED – PART II</b>									
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=	X \$	=	X \$	=
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=	X \$	=	X \$	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					+	\$	+	\$
						TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	
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